



**Razi Hosseini  
named CIMS  
Assistant  
Director**

After an extensive local and national search, **Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S.**, has been selected CIMS Assistant Director for Project Delivery.

"I am very excited about my new responsibilities and am looking forward to working together for a successful completion of all the projects that our department manages," Hosseini said.

Hosseini, who has been a City employee for 22 years, previously was Assistant City Engineer overseeing CIMS Technical Services. He now manages approximately 120 employees in Horizontal (streets and drainage), Vertical (buildings and parks), and Technical Services (design, surveying and construction inspection).

He has several goals as Assistant Director, including having an effective budget and



project schedule, helping staff advance in their profession, providing good internal and external customer service, creating a clear process for staff to accomplish their tasks, helping CIMS work with other agencies on project coordination and delivery, and making management's work easier.

Hosseini, a native of Iran, moved to the United States in 1978. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Florida International University.

"This is my country; I love it," he said. "The U.S. is the land of opportunity."

**Bond election  
early voting  
begins April 30**

Early voting for the City's proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program starts Monday, April 30, and continues through Tuesday, May 8.

Election Day is Saturday, May 12.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 30, through Friday, May 4; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5; 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6; and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8.

Information on early voting and Election Day polling locations is available at this web site - [www.sanantonio.gov/2012bond](http://www.sanantonio.gov/2012bond). Click on the "City Council Ordinance calling a General Bond Election" headline. Early voting information is also available by clicking on the "Information Guide" on the web site.

The proposed Bond Program of \$596 million includes 140 projects in five propositions - Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks Improvements; Drainage & Flood Control Improvements; Parks, Recreation & Open Space Improvements; Library, Museum & Cultural Arts Facilities Improvements; and Public Safety Facilities Improvements. Voters will consider each proposition separately.

A City of San Antonio property tax rate increase is not recommended to fund the proposed Bond Program. The City's current property tax rate is projected to be sufficient to fund the debt service payments for the program.

The proposed Bond Program does not include funding for the VIA street car project.

## From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Greetings, colleagues and friends. I am happy to bring you this monthly update on CIMS- and City-related activities.

Here we are, just around the corner from the start of early voting for the City's proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program. Early voting runs from April 30 to May 8, with Election Day on Saturday, May 12.

The \$596 million proposal is composed of five infrastructure categories:

- Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks Improvements - \$337.44 million
- Drainage & Flood Control Improvements - \$128.03 million
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Improvements - \$87.15 million
- Library, Museum & Cultural Arts Facilities Improvements - \$29.03 million
- Public Safety Facilities Improvements - \$14.35 million

The proposed bond program includes 140 projects throughout San Antonio. For more information, visit this web site - [www.sanantonio.gov/2012bond](http://www.sanantonio.gov/2012bond).



April, of course, also is the month for the City's annual Fiesta celebration. This year's 11-day event will be an energetic party celebrating San Antonio's rich and diverse history.

While Fiesta revels the City's past with fun-filled family traditions, CIMS is committed to building a great San Antonio for future generations. Our department is partly built on the belief that we value our diversity and history.

CIMS has stayed true to its pledge to the community that the 2007-2012 Bond Program will be substantially complete and under budget by June 2012. The bond program is currently 97 percent complete or under construction.

The 2007-2012 Bond Program, overall, has experienced a favorable bidding environment, proper planning, organizational structure, monitoring from the Citizens Bond Oversight Commission, and \$47 million in savings.

As CIMS Director, I can assure you we will work hard to maintain the transparency and success with all projects and programs that we manage.



## Jesse Acosta retires after 31 years

The TV world was waiting to find out "Who Shot J.R.?" and **Jesse Acosta** was just starting his employment with the City.

Acosta, a City employee since October 1980, retired March 30, ending a 31-year, 5-month career.

He worked in several departments, including Economic Development, Finance, Public Works, Human Resources, and Environmental Services (now Solid Waste). He came to CIMS in October 2007 and retires as Management Analyst in Web Portal.

"It has been an overall good experience," said Acosta, who graduated from UTSA in 1980 with a degree in Business Administration.

He and his wife, Cynthia, will travel frequently with their children - Jaime and Bianca. Acosta will also tackle some projects at home.

Congratulations!



## Robert Espinosa earns Master's

**Robert Espinosa** spends his work days visiting sites and conducting environmental reviews, but for the last three years, he was also hitting the books.

Espinosa, a Project Manager in Environmental Management, received his Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the University of Maryland. He completed the 36-hour program via Internet.

"It was pretty stressful, but I know this will enhance my career in the environmental field," the 11-year City employee said.

He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

## Ribbon-cutting ceremonies mark completion of four projects



*District 4 City Councilman Rey Saldaña talks to children at the Lackland Terrace Park skate plaza ribbon-cutting.*



*District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr. joins Assistant City Manager Peter Zanoni, City staff, and community members at the Kelly Area Park ribbon-cutting.*



*District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr., CIMS and Parks & Recreation staff, community members, and children open the new playground area at Roosevelt Park.*

CIMS and the Parks & Recreation departments, along with City Council Districts 2, 4 and 5 celebrated the completion of four projects in March.

Professional and aspiring skaters joined District 4 City Councilman Rey Saldaña, City staff, and neighborhood children in celebrating the new skate plaza at Lackland Terrace Park. Skaters displayed their skills at a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 5.

Three skate parks were part of the City's 2007-2012 Bond Program – Lackland Terrace, Nani Falcone, and Rosedale parks. City Council awarded a design-build package for these facilities to Grindline Skate Parks Inc.

The Lackland Terrace skate plaza, which is a competition-level facility, was a \$350,000 project overseen by CIMS and Parks & Recreation. **Mark Wittlinger** was the CIMS Project Manager. Special thanks to Carter Dennis with the national organization Skaters for Public Skate Parks.

District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr., City staff, and community volunteers braved a cold drizzle to highlight the new amenities at Kelly Area Park. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held March 9.

Last year, in conjunction with a Community Build Day at Kelly Area Park, volunteers from Lowe's donated building materials to construct two pavilions and also did other projects, including staining the wood for the pavilions, constructing benches and planters, and planting trees and landscaping around the recently installed playground.

The District 5 City Council office also enlisted neighborhood volunteers for the Community Build Day.

In a separate project at Kelly Area Park, the City installed a fence on the western edge of the park along General Hudnell Drive. The fence matches the style of new fencing that San Antonio ISD installed at Kelly Elementary School, which is across the street from the park.

RVK Architects and Alpha Building Corp. designed and built the pavilions, respectively, and F.A. Nunnally installed the new fencing. **Pat Schneider** and **Eric Reyna** from CIMS were directly involved in these projects.

District 5 Councilman Medina, CIMS and Parks & Recreation, and families on spring break celebrated new amenities at Roosevelt Park. Part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program, the project budget was \$225,000. New amenities include a playground with rubber surface, walkways and fencing around the new playground, and benches.

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## Ribbon-cutting ceremonies mark completion of four projects

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Tropical Contracting was the contractor and CFZ Group was the design consultant on the Roosevelt Park project. **Mark Wittlinger** was the CIMS Project Manager.

District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy R. Taylor joined CIMS, Parks & Recreation, and community members in celebrating the completion of two phases of Salado Creek Hike & Bike.

A ribbon-cutting was held March 24 at Martin Luther King Park.

Councilwoman Taylor, City staff, Chairman Howard Peak and District 2 Board Member Sue Calberg from the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board, and the



*CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy R. Taylor, and citizen Catherine Schneider enjoy the afternoon at Martin Luther King Park for the Salado Creek Hike & Bike Phases I and II ribbon-cutting ceremony.*

Salado Creek Foundation participated in the ceremony.

Phase I constructed a hike and bike trail along Salado Creek from Comanche Park to Willow

Springs Golf Course. Phase II constructed a hike and bike trail along Salado Creek from the golf course to Jack White Park.

Both projects were Metropolitan Planning

Organization programs that included federal funding and other City of San Antonio revenue sources.

The two phases are a continuation of the linear creekway system. Total construction costs were \$1.3 million for Phase I, \$2.0 million for Phase II. Three other Salado Creek segments are already open.

Pape-Dawson Engineers Inc. was the design consultant for Phase I; Journeyman Construction Inc. was the contractor. Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc. was the Phase II consultant; K-Bar Services was the contractor.

**David McBeth's** team managed the project on behalf of CIMS.

Capital Improvements  
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City of San Antonio

### CIMS Mission Statement

Together,  
Dedicated to Our Community ...  
Building a Great San Antonio

### Our Core Values

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking

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## Happy birthday in April

CIMS wishes our employees a happy birthday in April:

**Roland Martinez**, Director's Office (4th); **Tom Nixon**, Labor & Compliance (4th); **Leann Lindquist-Thome**, Labor & Compliance (6th); **Juan Frausto**, Technical Services (13th);

**Ira Roane**, Technical Services (13th); **Maria Godina**, SBEDA (15th); **David Palacios**, Labor & Compliance (17th); **James Reeves**, Fiscal Services (18th);

**John Cantu**, Environmental Management (19th); **Debbie Sittre**, Director's Office (20th); **Anna Davis**, Director's Office (22nd).



*Mike Frisbie, properly attired with safety helmet, prepares to ride the new segments of Salado Creek Hike & Bike Phases I and II at Martin Luther King Park.*

